

Thanks from Brother Bernie

Thanks to everyone who participated in my 40th Anniversary celebrations. I'm most grateful to Fr. Mike and all my Salesian Confreres for being present and for the Pope picture, to Tammie and the Adult choir for being so accommodating and providing the music so beautifully, to the Social Committee for decorating and setting up the food and cleaning up afterwards, to Dee Gordon for capturing the moment by taking hundreds of photos, to Foster Kwon for putting together a wonderful power point. Thank you Squires for being present. It was truly a grace filled day for me.

Looking for Volunteers!!

The Faith & Family catechism program serves children and youth, ages 5-18, who require ongoing faith formation and preparation for the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation. Volunteers, male and female, are needed to assist with the program

Monday evenings ~ 6:45pm-8:30 pm
October 17-December 12, 2011,
January 9-May 7, 2012
in the church hall

If you enjoy working with young children and teens and have a desire to learn, teach and share our Roman Catholic faith, can communicate clearly and have a spirit of generosity, I look forward to hearing from you.

Please contact Patricia @ 416-741-6556

REMINDER:

EDGERS + LIFETEENERS

Please make sure to register by **OCTOBER 22, 2011**



Join us in celebrating
Fr. Joe Ho's 50th Anniversary
of Religious Life

PASTA PARTY

SUNDAY OCTOBER 23

2:00pm in the parish hall

TICKETS: \$15 each or

\$50 for a family of 4 or more

All proceeds will go to the Parish Capital Campaign

Tickets will only be sold after the 5:00pm, 9:30am
& 11:00 am masses on Oct 8-9, 15-16.

Alternatively, please call

Liana at 416-788-4063 before Sunday October 16th.

Tickets are not available at the door.



The New Translation

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

The Lord be with you

This greeting is made several times during Mass. It has been used at Mass since earliest times. It is a Jewish greeting that is found many times in the Bible. Sometimes it is used to promise that God shall be with someone (Amos 5:14) or a prayer that he will protect or help (Joshua 14:12). It can be used to say hello or goodbye (Ruth 2:4, 1Samuel 17:37, 20:13). In Latin it can be taken as meaning both a prayer that God should be with others or a confident statement that he is present among them.

'The Lord be with you' is used at Mass at certain important moments when prayer, a reading or an action is about to happen. It is a greeting that helps us to focus on our beginning something. We respond, affirming that God is indeed present and that we are ready to proceed - that we are all involved in what is going to happen.

Above all it is about the presence of the Lord. It can occur at four important moments in the Mass to help us think about the presence of Christ.

- At the beginning of Mass, we remember that we gather in the presence of Christ ('where two or three are gathered together in my name' Matt 18:20),
- At the proclamation of the Readings, we remember Christ speaks to us in the Word.
- At the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer, when Christ becomes present among us as we share in his sacrifice under sacramental signs.
- At the end of Mass, Christ is with us as we glorify him by our lives and witness.

There should be a joy about this greeting and response that can be easily lost. They are acclamations that Christ is present with us in our celebration. If the Lord is with us then we should rejoice. A hope is expressed that he will accompany us in this sacred action. As we enter the sacred mysteries, the Saviour joins us.

And with your spirit

The response 'And with your spirit' to 'The Lord be with you' is part of a Jewish greeting used in the Bible and in the Mass from earliest times. The word 'spirit' means the whole of us. It sums up all that makes us truly human. Made in the God's image, we are creatures with a body who have a spiritual destiny. In the Apostles' Creed we say we believe 'in the resurrection of the body'. Here we are talking about our bodies that will be raised like Jesus'. Our bodies help us to know who we are. Looking in the mirror it is those eyes we recognize, that face we know. Our features, the lines formed by laughter or sorrow, the hair (or lack of it!) and much more record who we are and what has happened to us. Remember Saint Thomas wanting to put his finger into the holes made by the nails and the spear so that he would know that it really was Jesus.

Our bodies are part of what will be redeemed. They change and decay but the fact that we have one is part of what makes us ourselves. It is not a question of shape or size. People are no less human if they lose a limb or are tiny in the womb. But it would be impossible to be a human being if we had never in some way had a body.

When we use this word 'spirit' we should also think about what each us shall be eventually. When Saint Paul explained the resurrection of the body in his first letter to the Corinthians (Chapter 15) he likened our death to a seed being planted to emerge as something so much greater than what was laid in the earth. A simple physical body is laid to rest but a spiritual, life-filled body will be raised.

There is graciousness in this Hebrew greeting. One person mentions the Lord's presence and the other adds more. There is much to be said for preserving this ancient example of Middle Eastern charm and good manners.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Space available on Saturdays for Levels 1, 2 & 3. If interested, please call the office ext 5, for further information.

WALK - IN LEGAL CLINIC

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12

9:00 a.m. - 11 a.m.

St. Benedict parish Youth Room
(enter at north side & go downstairs)

The clinic operates as "walk-in":
NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

DID YOU KNOW THAT A MINIMUM OF 30 MILLION OF OUR TAXPAYER DOLLARS ARE FUNDING ABORTIONS IN ONTARIO EVERY YEAR?

Join us at **Queens Park** to tell our newly elected provincial government to stop using our hard-earned money to fund the killing of innocent pre-born children. Saturday, October 22 from 1:00 to 4:00pm. For more information visit www.campaignlifecoalition.com/defund or call Campaign Life Coalition Youth Coordinator Alissa Golob at 416-204-9749 ext. 238.

ORGANIZED BY CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION YOUTH

WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND

Queen of Apostles, Mississauga on the weekend of **October 28-30**. Theme: **Nurturing the Spirit Within**. Facilitated by the new Centre team - Father Leo, Father Tomy, and Mrs. Anne Hales. For further information or reservation please call 905-278-5229.

Holy Name of Mary College School, a university preparatory private Catholic school for girls (Gr. 5-12), is holding an Open House on Saturday, October 29th, from 10 am to 2 pm at 2241 Mississauga Road. All are invited to attend. More information can be found on www.InspireYourDaughter.com or call 905-891-1890.



Our faith community welcomes
Gianluca Mejias, Victoria Amaya, Jayden Larsen, Jennelyn Meriales

May you always walk in the footsteps of the Lord.

Blessings on Your Marriage

Gianluca Falvo & Evelyn D'Souza
who were married on **October 8, 2011**

Michael Freeman & Antonietta Minichillo
who will be married on **October 15, 2011**



God grant them
happiness,
good health and
a long life
together.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION	CAPITAL FUND TARGET: \$760,000
SUNDAY OFFERING \$9,159	SECOND COLLECTION \$1,066.00
Average Env. Donation \$15.02	as of October 2 nd \$304,481.36
Thank you for your ongoing generous support!	

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 10

10:00pm Nicola & Pasqua D'Andrea by D'Andrea family

Tuesday, October 11

7:30pm Carmela Ponzio by Ponzio family

Wednesday, October 12

8:00am Dec members of Anna Maria Mammone family by Benedetto & Anna Maria Tuzi

Thursday, October 13

8:00am John Clune by family

Friday, October 14

8:00am Pauline Bush by Rocco & Frances Miceli

Saturday, October 15

8:00am Donald Hilliard by Samuel Baptiste & family
5:00pm Angelo Savino by wife Giustina

Sunday, October 16

8:00am John Cachia by Mary & family
9:30am Maria Domenica Petrozzi by Petrozzi family
9:30am For the People
11:00am Gretta, Maurice & Jim Fay by Mary Fay
12:45pm Gianni, Clement & Rosario by Tuzi family



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD, ESPECIALLY:

MARY WHITE, JOE FITA, ROCCO ZUCCARO & GABRIELE SCACCIA

SAVIO CLUB an after school program

for students in grades 3 to 8

October 4th, 2011 to May 24, 2012

offered every Tuesday & Thursday

3:15pm to 4:45 pm

Registration form can be picked up in front office of St. Benedict's school or rectory office. The Savio Club is well supervised by adults and high school volunteers. It offers: arts and crafts once a week, floor hockey, billiards, foosball ping pong tables, board games, homework table and air hockey. Cost: \$25/child.

"The Love of Christ urges us on" to radically respond to His call to follow Him whole-heartily. Jesus is inviting you to spend time with Him so that you may discover His call.

NOVEMBER 5th TO 6th

ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY

This is an opportunity for young men of 18 years or older to spend a weekend of prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples through the Catholic priesthood.

Monday, October 10

Parish Office Closed

no 8:00 am Mass

9:30 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

10:00 am Mass

Happy Thanksgiving